

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESTRICTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of India intends to restrict the import of agricultural products only through ports where India has arrangements to check the quality of goods imported, such as phyto sanitary checks, plant quarantine etc.;
- (b) whether Kerala also wanted to stipulate that agricultural import for export may be allowed only if value addition is done to imported agricultural products; and
- (c) if so, decision in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) Import of agricultural products (plants/plant material) are regulated through the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, issued under Destructive Insects and Pests (DIP) Act, 1914. As per the Plant Quarantine Order, 2003, 59 entry points have been notified for import of agricultural commodities. A list of the ports is enclosed.

(b) The Government of Kerala has, inter-alia, suggested that a cap on import under concessional duty route may be put and also certain safety mechanism may be established by insisting on minimum value addition if the agriculture commodity is for re-export.

(c) As a general policy of the government to give thrust to the exports of value added product, imports are allowed duty free for the purpose of re-exports. Value added items realize better prices in the international market.

Points of Entry for Import of plants/plant materials and other articles

Seaports Airports

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| 1. Alleppey (Kerala)# | 1. Amritsar (Punjab) |
| 2. Bhavnagar (Gujarat) | 2. Bangalore (Karnataka) |
| 3. Kolkata (West Bengal) | 3. Kolkata (West Bengal) |
| 4. Calicut (Kerala) | 4. Chennai (Tamil Nadu) |
| 5. Chennai (Tamil Nadu) | |
| 6. Cochin (Kerala) | 5. Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) |
| 7. Cuddalore (Tamil Nadu)# | 6. Mumbai (Maharashtra) |
| 8. Goa# (Goa) | 7. New Delhi (Delhi) |
| 9. Gopalpur (Orissa)# | 8. Patna (Bihar) |
| 10. Haldia (West Bengal) | 9. Tiruchirapalli (Tamil Nadu) |
| 11. Jamnagar (Gujarat)# | 10. Trivandrum (Kerala) |
| 12. Beypore (Kerala)# | 11. Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) |
| 13. Kaldnada (Andhra Pradesh) | 12. Guwahati (Assam) |
| 14. Kandla (Gujarat) | |
| Land Frontier Stations | |
| 15. Karwar (Karnataka)# | 1. Agartala (Tripura) |

16. Krishnapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)# 2. Amritsar Rly. Stn. (Punjab)
17. Machlipatnam (Andhra Pradesh)# 3. Attari Rly. Stn.(Punjab)
18. Mandvi (Gujarat) 4. Attari Wagha Border (Punjab)
19. Mangalore (Karnataka) 5. Bongaol (West Bengal)
20. Mumbai (Maharashtra) 6. Gede Road Rly. Stn. (West Bengal)
21. Mundra (Gujarat) 7. Jogbani (Bihar)
22. Nagapatnam (Tamil Nadu)# 8. Moreh (Manipur)
23. Nova Shiva (Maharashtra) 9. Panitanld (West Bengal)
24. Navlakhi (Gujarat)# 10. Raxual (Bihar)
25. Okha (Gujarat)# 11. Rupadiha (Uttar Pradesh)
26. Paradeep (Orissa) 12. Sonauli (Uttar Pradesh) `
27. Pondicherry 13. Banbasa (Uttaranchal)
28. Porbander (Gujarat)#
29. Rameshwram ((Tamil Nadu)
30. Tiruvananthapuram (Kerala)
31. Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu)
32. Veraval (Gujarat)#
33. Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
34. Vizhinjam (Kerala)

For import of food grains and timber only.